

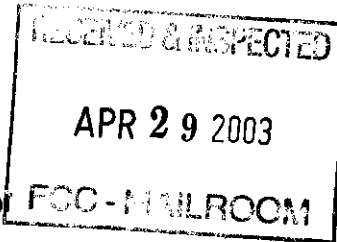
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you,

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Joanne L. Ridinger  
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Monday, April 22, 2003



Michael K. Powell, Chairman,  
Federal Communications Commission,  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: FCC deregulation vote on June 2, 2003

Dear Chairman Powell:

For some time, I have been extremely concerned about the small number of corporations who control our media. Further deregulation is not in the best interests of the public. Our Freedom of the Press is at risk!

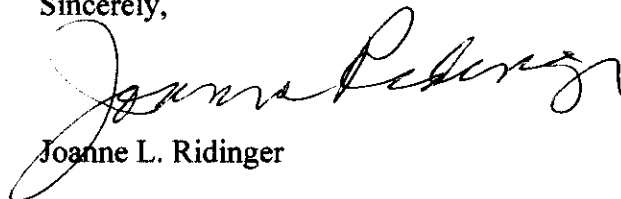
Actions by several senators and major corporations have exerted considerable to vote on June 2, 2002 for further deregulation. There has been very little public and congressional debate on this issue. It seems that those who would most benefit most from further deregulation want to "slip" this through before the public is aware what we risk losing.

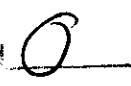
As a result of previous deregulation, ten major corporations hold and control most of the media. We get more advertising and less content; more low budget television geared to the 19-40-age bracket spenders. Television news now comes in "sound bites. Television talk shows are filled with brainwashing hate mongers, pandering for the corporation owner's interests. News is often nothing more than "infomercials. We cannot have a democracy when deregulation shuts out independent newspapers and television stations, and lets the "Big Boys" buy their way onto our, the public's, airways.

Please take a stand against what is becoming a Government of the Corporations, rather than of the People. Delay the June 2, 2003 date for deregulation. Invite more congressional and public debate.

I thank you in advance for acting honorably upon this issue.

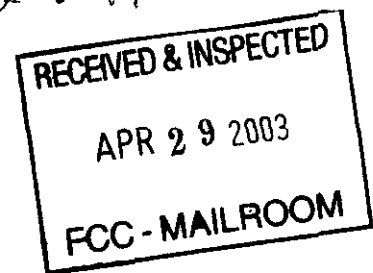
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To Whom It May Concern:

I hereby Certify, That at a Session of the Common Council of the City of Buffalo, held  
IN THE CITY HALL, ON THE 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2003, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION  
WAS ADOPTED IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE COPY

NO. 227

BY MRS. MARTINO, MR. THOMPSON AND MR. FONTANA

SUPPORT OF DIVERSITY IN MEDIA OWNERSHIP

Whereas: Freedom of the press and board public access to a diverse range of information through the media are prerequisites for a functioning democracy, they are the very oxygen of democracy, and the broadcast airwaves and the internet are owned commonly by the public and should be managed to serve the public interest, and

Whereas: Adherence to the highest journalistic principles is a public trust, and the public interest is best served by the availability of a broadly diverse range of viewpoints, and media diversity and employment is seriously threatened by further consolidation of media ownership in the hands of fewer entities and

Whereas: The Federal Communications Commission is currently considering an unprecedented rollback of media ownership regulations which protect diversity and local accountability in our media, and the elimination or weakening of these regulations would likely reduce competition, local accountability, diversity of content, diversity of voices, and the amount and/or quality news coverage in broadcast and print media across the country, while providing windfall profits for a small handful of corporate media owners and

Whereas: We recognize that citizens in a democracy require public access to a diverse range of media voices and messages in order to participate fully in our community's share social, cultural and political life.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That we call upon the Federal Communications Commission and the Congress to retain and strengthen existing media ownership regulations and we further call upon the Congress to exercise its oversight in the area of federal communications policy and to consider legislation aimed at protecting our democratic media by prohibiting further media consolidation, and

Be It Finally Resolved:

That the City of Buffalo City Clerk send certified copies of this resolution to Senators Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton, Congressmen Jack Quinn, Louise Slaughter and Thomas Reynolds, and the Federal Communications Commission.

ADOPTED

ATTEST

City Clerk

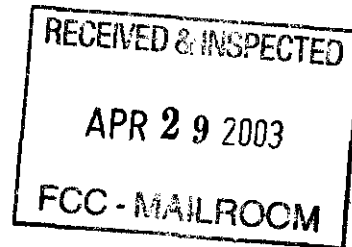
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4/23/03

The Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

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The mass media provide the news and information that us citizens use to participate in our democratic society. A few super-rich people own the media, and they decide what news and information we get. Naturally they will use it for the advantage of the privileged class.

For one example: President George the 2<sup>nd</sup> cut income taxes for the rich, he wants to do it again, and he is willing to let his corporate friends have offshore tax dodges. Every year, about \$70 BILLION are lost in revenue to these greedy guys who set up corporate "headquarters" in places like Bermuda. \$70 BILLION is about the same as ALL of the state budget deficits that are causing major cut backs in public schools, medical care, and increased taxes on workers. Even so, the media continue to say that the income tax cuts are necessary to create jobs and they blame the budget deficit on war.

Your parents are thankful for the PUBLIC education that enabled them to excel. They are the only ones on the Bush team that understands that from experience.

Please use your office and influence to restore competition and truthfulness in the media.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carman B. Hill".

Carman B. Hill, age 77, veteran of combat infantry in Germany, successful small businessman, father, grand father, and thankful to be an American.

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Chairman Michael K. Powell  
 Federal Communications Commission  
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Dear Chairman Powell,

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. These rules are meant to ensure the American public gets a broad variety of news, information, entertainment, and political views. Repeal or significant modification of these rules would likely open the door to numerous mergers that could reduce competition and diversity in the media.

Before the media ownership rules are issued in final form, the public must have the opportunity to review and comment on any specific changes the Commission plans to make.

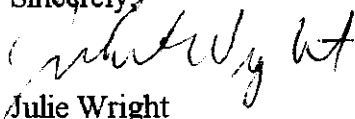
Most Americans get their news and information from only a few sources. If media ownership rules are seriously weakened, one company in a town could control the most popular newspaper, TV station, and possibly even a cable system giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of local news. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in a community. It could also increase costs for businesses and political candidates that use local media for advertising.

While the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on media ownership, it proposed no actual rule. Accordingly, no public comment has been received on any specific changes. I believe that additional public input is essential in helping the Commission determine the pros and cons of any new approach.

\* I encourage you to provide a detailed description of all proposed changes, their empirical basis, and a meaningful period of time for the public to review and comment on any proposed changes before a final rule is issued.

Democracy depends upon a free and diverse media. It also depends upon transparency. I trust the Commission will do everything in its power to keep the decision process as open and inclusive as possible.

Sincerely,



Julie Wright  
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Please stop the changing of the six FCC rules (shown below), which empower the FCC to allow companies to own more media outlets/types of media outlets – e.g., allow TV station owners to own radio stations. This will allow further monopolization of media outlets and result in the reduction of the number of points of view expressed through these outlets. Please support the extension of the decision on these six FCC rules for a year. The preservation of these six rules is important for free speech and our democracy.

- **Broadcast-Newspaper Cross-Ownership Prohibition (1975)** Bans ownership of both a newspaper and a television station in the same market.
- **National Television Ownership Rule (1941)** A broadcaster cannot own television stations that reach more than 35% of the nation's homes.
- **Dual Network Rule (1946)** - No entity can own more than one major television network.
- **Local Television Ownership Rule (1964)** - A broadcaster can't own more than one of the top four stations in a single market.
- **Local Radio Ownership Rule (1941)** - Limits the number of radio stations any one entity can own in a single market.
- **Television-Radio Cross-Ownership Rule (1970)** - Limits the number of TV and radio stations a single entity can own in any given market.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Tractenberg

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